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1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF BRITISH EMBASSY COMMUNICATION TO GOI
DATED JUNE 19, 1948, CONCERNING UK PAYMENT TO GOI FOR USE OF
IRANIAN RAILWAYS. SUM OF POUND STERLING 5.7 MILLION MENTIONED
IN NOTE WAS LATER RAISED TO APPROXIMATELY 8.2 MILLION BECAUSE
OF REEVALUATION OF STERLING VIS-A-VIS GOLD.

2. BEGIN TEXT. 19 JUNE 1948
H.E. MONS. A H HAJIR
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
YOUR EXCELLENCY,
WITH REFERENCE TO THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE BE-
TWEEN THE IRANIAN AND BRITISH AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THE CLAIM
OF THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST HIS MAJESTY'S
GOVERNMENT, IN RESPECT OF THE USE BY BRITISH FORCES OF THE RAIL-
WAYS AND PORTS OF IRAN DURING THE PERIOD WHEN THE ANGLO-SOVIET-
IRAN TREATY OF 29 JANUARY 1942 WAS IN FORCE, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO
INFORM YOU EXCELLENCY THAT MY GOVERNMENT AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING
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ARRANGEMENTS:
1) IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONAL CASH PAYMENT OF RIALS
1,682,000,000 ALREADY MADE BY HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO THE
IRANIAN STATE RAILWAYS, HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAVE HEREBY
AGREED TO PAY TO THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GOVERNMENT AN ADDITIONAL
SUM OF POUNDS STERLING 5,700,000 (FIVE MILLION SEVEN HUNDERED
THOUSAND) POUNDS STERLING.

2) HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HEREBY AGREE TO TRANSFER FREE OF COST TO THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GOVERNMENT THE INSTALLATIONS AND STORES SET OUT IN COLUMN 1 OF THE FOLLOWING TABLE, THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THESE ASSETS BEING SHOWN IN COLUMN 2:-

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
1. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (INCLUDING STORES TO THE VALUE OF POUNDS STERLING 25,000)	325,000
2. TEHRAN SAW MILL	36,000
3. TRANSPORTATION ASSETS (RAILWAY INSTALLATIONS)	350,000
4. RAILWAY STORES	370,000
5. FIVE AERODROMES (MEHRABAD, QALEH MURGHAN, KERMAN, ZAHIDAN, AND MIRJAWIH)	175,000
6. BITUMEN FOR TEHRAN MUNICIPALITY	16,500
7. LOCOMOTIVES AND ROLLING STOCK IN PERSIA AND AT TANUMA	210,000
8. TELEPHONE MAINTENANCE MATERIAL	2,000
9. TRANSFORMERS	353
TOTAL POUNDS STERLING	1,484,853

3) THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HEREBY AGREE THAT THE PRESENT AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES A FULL AND COMPLETE DISCHARGE OF ALL FINANCIAL CLAIMS FROM HMG ARISING OUT OF THE USE BY BRITISH MILITARY FORCES OF THE RAILWAYS AND PORTS OF IRAN, WHEN THE ANGLO-SOVIET-IRAN TREATY OF 29 JANUARY 1942 WAS IN FORCE INCLUDING ALL LIABILITY ON THE PART OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FOR CLAIMS WHICH THE US GOVERNMENT MAY MAKE IN RESPECT OF THE TRANS-

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FER OF STORES TO THE IRANIAN STATE RAILWAYS.

4) THIS AGREEMENT ALSO CONSTITUTES A DISCHARGE OF CLAIMS AGAINST HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO DAMAGE DONE TO THE WIRELESS STATION AT KERMANSHAH, THE AMOUNT OF SUCH DAMAGE BEING ESTIMATED BY THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT AT RLS 1,320,000: AND ALSO IN REGARD TO THE CLAIM FOR POUNDS STERLING 40,337 AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE, DUE BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF RENEWING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SIGNED M J CRESWELL CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. END TEXT. SULLIVAN

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